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SUBJECT: MAP OF SOVIET CLOSED AREAS

REF: MOSCOW 628

NEW SOVIET CLOSED AREA MAPS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED. TO  
ENSURE THEIR ACCURACY, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIV-  
ING REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONS GIVEN BELOW AS SOON AS POSSI-  
BLE:

A. IS IT STILL POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL IN THE CLOSED AREAS OF  
MOSCOW OBLAST' ALONG THE YAROSLAVL' HIGHWAY BEYOND ZAGORSK,  
ALONG THE MINSK HIGHWAY BEYOND MOZAYSK AND BORODINO, AND  
ALONG THE SIMFEROPOL' HIGHWAY BEYOND SERPUKHOV? THIS WAS  
SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED IN 1966 BUT NOT IN THE 1978 RESTRIC-  
TIONS.

B. OCCASIONALLY TRAVEL HAS BEEN PERMITTED ALONG THE GOR'KIY  
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HIGHWAY TO VLADIMIR. HAS THIS OCCURRED OFTEN ENOUGH TO  
DEPICT THE HIGHWAY AS OPEN TO TRANSIT TRAVEL EASTWARD FROM  
MALAYA DUBNA (OREKHOVO-ZUYEVO)?

C. IS THE SERPHUKOV BY-PASS (EAST OF THE CITY) USED BY  
FOREIGN TRAVELERS OR IS IT NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH SER-

PUKHOV? OR IS TRAVEL PERMITTED ON BOTH ROUTES?

D. DIPLOMATIC NOTE 216 DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1973 OUTLINED  
CLOSURE OF MOST OF THE NORTHEASTERN QUADRANT OF THE 30-KILO-  
METER OPEN ZONE AROUND LENINGRAD. IS THIS STILL CLOSED  
TO TRAVEL EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT SPECIFIED BY THE 1978 RE-  
STRICTIONS?

THE INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE INCORPORATED ON THE PRE-  
LIMINARY MAPS NOW IN THE FINAL STAGES OF COMPILATION.  
PROOF MAPS WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY FOR COMMENT BEFORE BE-  
ING PRINTED. VANCE

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